



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2016

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Commissioners Present: Annie Jones, Sharon Dobson, Rosario Campos, Olga Hernandez-Smith, Nina Carr, Christine Ferguson, Evelyn Stephenson, Constance Baptist, Amanda Fleet and Michelle Nusum-Smith

Commissioners Absent, Chloe Scott, Whitney Duck, Adrijana Parsell, Shellome Walters and Karen Czapanskiy

Guests: Theresa Smith, Marnica Johnson (CFW Intern), Diana Carrillo, Paula del Valle Torres (CFW intern), Lakshmi Darbha, Susan Shannon, Donna Reid, Ken Smith, Janice Brown, Tanya Davis, Maura Page, Dr. Rachel Mandel and Janet Harding (speakers).

President Annie Jones called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. A quorum was present at this time.

I. Executive Committee Report

- Guests in attendance acknowledge, introduction of guests and commissioners.
- The February 2016 Minutes were approved.
- Guest Speakers: Dr. Rachel Mandel and Janet Harding, Director of Cultural Awareness, Frederick Memorial Hospital Bridges Program. "The Bridges Program builds partnerships between Frederick County medical institutions, faith groups, service and civic organizations, volunteers and businesses to prevent chronic disease and help people manage and maintain their health and wellness (FMH Brochure)". The Lay Health Educator Program is a 10 week, no cost training that educates members of the community to educate their own community about their health needs and how to go about receiving services. This course is offered twice per year.

II. Old Business

- **Leadership Alliance Dinner** (Thursday, March 24, 2016). As of this date, about 60 tickets have been sold. The following sponsorships have also been sold: 8 corporate sponsors, 19 student sponsors, 2 ads and 4 in-kind contributions. All sponsors and contributors will be acknowledged on our Facebook page as well as in the final program. Commissioners and volunteers were reminded to register and invite at least one guest.
- **Update on Human Trafficking Committee activities**
 - i. The committee is now named "Coalition to End Human Trafficking in Frederick County". This new group will meet on Monday, March 14, 5:30pm, C. Burr Artz Library, Room 2
 - ii. Human Trafficking Survivor lecture and book reading, Wednesday, April 20 from 12:30-1:45 at FCC.
- **Handbag Distribution** Many handbags filled with personal items were distributed to an emergency women's shelter. This will be an ongoing project.
- **Legislative Committee Update** A motion was made and seconded that the Commission for Women support the following legislative bills currently being discussed in the Maryland Assembly. The bills are:
 - i. Human Trafficking Bill HB0263 and SB0866 Synopsis: This bill expands Maryland's "vacating convictions" law to include survivors of sex and labor trafficking, and

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increases the amount of convictions eligible for vacate the current time, the Governor is focusing on businesses and not individual needs.

- ii. Child Conceived Without Consent - Termination of Parental Rights Act – SB0593 and HB0646 Requiring a court, under specified circumstances, to terminate the parental rights of an individual found to have committed an act of nonconsensual sexual conduct against the other parent that resulted in the conception of a child
- iii. Stalking, Harassment, Misuse of Electronic Communication; Peace Order Amendment – SB0278 and HB0155 Synopsis: Repealing the requirement that specified conduct be malicious in order to be prohibited conduct applicable to crimes related to stalking, harassment, and misuse of electronic communications or interactive computer services; and prohibiting a person from engaging in a course of conduct where the person intends to cause or knows or reasonably should have known that the conduct would cause serious emotional distress to another.

III New Business

- **Upcoming events at which the Commission will be present**

- i. Woman's History Program: Sunday, March 13 from 3 to 6 pm at Asbury United Methodist Church Social Hall. National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. FCCFW will provide a brief presentation on our organization's history and activities.
- ii. Human Trafficking Survivor lecture and book reading, Wednesday, April 20 from 12:30-1:45 at FCC.
 - 1. FCC, Heartly House, and the FCCFW will collaborate in coordinating and publicizing the event. Heartly House and FCC will take the lead in marketing this event.

- **SheLEADS**

- i. The program has been concluded. A Summer employment workshop with Kim Whiteley will be offered on Friday, March 11 from 10:18 to 10:58. This workshop will be on interviewing skills.

- **Proposal:** FCCFW to provide a dinner for the Heartly House Strengthening Family Coping Resources support group. Proposed date: Thursday, April 21. The dinner will serve about 30 people. Discussion was tabled until April meeting.

- **Commissioner announcements**

- i. Clutch the Future – March 19 Hood College
- ii. United Way – Kentucky Derby, March 16
- iii. Delta Sigma Theta, honoring seven organizations, April 24, Musket Ridge Golf Course
- iv. Easter Egg Hunt, April 13, Hood College
- v. Centro Hispanco Building needs children's books for their library
- vi. Awareness of Teen Dating Violence, March 20, Richard Montgomery High School
- vii. Nelson Mandela Day's, July 17-18

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IV. Adjournment With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm and an Executive Session was conducted for 2016-2017 elections. The results were:

- President – Sharon Dobson
- Vice President – Constance Baptist
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Next Public Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7 p.m. 3rd Floor of Winchester Hall

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